

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

Although I've suspected it for some time, I've become convinced over the years that kids are more neurotic than adults. Particularly, those under 10 years of age. Do you know any grown-ups, for example, who won't eat cereal or soup out of a bowl unless it's the one with a picture of Tony the Tiger on the bottom?

Do adults see four glasses of milk already poured out and then announce, "But I wanted mine out of a YELLOW mug?" Or ask for such weird combinations as peanut butter-mustard-mayonnaise-dill pickle (but-hold-the-relish) sandwiches? Of course not.

Why, I have even known children of personal acquaintance who have a complex about which parent they want to fetch them a glass of water in the middle of the night. (Usually they want the other one, so what am I doing up?)

The only reason that waiting rooms in psychiatrists' offices aren't filled with kids is that they can't afford the price of an office visit. Otherwise, I'm sure you'd overhear some 7-year-old revealing to her doctor, "I have this feeling that everybody is always whispering about me. Mainly my sister." Of course, most of the time the patient would be right.

And why do children fight over such a trivial thing as carrying their lunch in a Roy Rogers or Dale Evans lunch pail? I can understand a senior in high school but why would Brian object when he's only in the eighth grade?

Nor can I foist a brief case on him. You'd think I was insisting the kid wear spats and a double-breasted suit to school. But brief cases have become "cherry," or so I have been told.

Adults, I feel, are also more rational in their social relationships. If for some reason an adult were to be taunted by another adult with, "Cris Cross, Apple Sauce, Nobody else can play with us" that would end the relationship. I mean, would you go out and ring somebody's doorbell hearing that?

But that's why I think children, at least mine, have masochistic tendencies, because the more often they hear the "criss cross apple sauce" refrain the more determined they are to play with the hostile group. (Usually headed by one of their own sisters who has cornered the market on the other neighborhood kids temporarily.)

As an adult I'll admit that I prefer the companionship of family and friends but there are times when I don't mind being alone. But kids, neurotics that they are, have a compulsion about doing anything alone. That's why they conduct recruiting drives to gather friends to accompany them to school, movies and even to the bathroom.

Now do you know who drives parents to psychiatrists' couches?

New Members Initiated in CDA Court

Four members were recently initiated into Court St. Catherine. They are Florence Blasco, Mary Gribbon, Juanita Lopez and Dolly Smith.

They were initiated at Court Joan of Arc, Inglewood, by Grand Regent Sophie Taylor. Accompanying them were Grand Regent Mrs. Louie Derouin of Ct. St. Catherine and Mmes. Laura Kuhn, Robert Aguilar, Robert Klaesges, Charles Butterfield, Robert Crain, Elles Cook, Emma Hamilton, David Biloki, Lloyd Landerville, Ralph Sullivan, and the Misses Catheryn and Felico Shaugnessy.

The Court is planning a Reception of new members in January and any woman who would like to join may call any of the above mentioned members.

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Christmas is a Time for Giving Clubwomen Make It So

LAS PALMAS GIRLS

A very merry Christmas has been planned for the girls in the Las Palmas School in the City of Commerce, according to Mrs. Wayne Smock, chairman, of the Redondo Beach Dianas.

Las Palmas School for emotionally disturbed girls consists of ten cottages with ten girls each. The Dianas sponsor one cottage as their main philanthropy.

On Dec. 14, the Dianas will give a party for the girls of the Garnet Cottage. Refreshments will consist of egg nog, Christmas cookies and a fruit basket. Gifts for the girls will include charm bracelets, bath oil, cologne, dusting powder, a world globe and magazine subscriptions.

During the evening, the girls will make a Santa Claus as their craft project. Other Dianas helping with the party will be Mmes. Gerald Carter, Paul Mitchell and Ron McAlpin.

The Dianas are affiliated with the California Federation of Women's Clubs, Marina District, Junior Membership.

GIFTS FOR VETERANS

Christmas will be made a little happier at the Long Beach Veterans Administration Hospital, because the Torrance Juniors have not forgotten the veterans' sacrifice for their country. Individually wrapped boxes, containing holiday treats, will be given to several wards of patients.

Saturday, Dec. 17, will find the Americanism committee headed by Mrs. Dan McKenzie and 15 Brownie and Girl Scouts making Santa Claus favors from egg cartons at the Torrance Scout Center. These will also be taken to the Long Beach Veterans Hospital.

The Juniors will also be taking the boxes of candy and tray favors to the elderly shut-ins at a local convalescent home.

AID TOY LOAN SALVATION ARMY

Board members of the Redondo Beach Dianas Junior Women's Club will forego their usual Board meeting for a luncheon which will be given by the Co-ordinators Mmes. W. P.

Iverson and J. T. Bishop. The event will occur Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. at the home of Mrs. J. T. Bishop, Redondo Beach.

Dianas will be helping to make the season merry for children who use the North Redondo Toy Loan Center by donating many toys and the Christmas tree.

Dianas will also donate money to the Salvation Army to buy meat for Christmas food baskets.

PARTY FOR HEAD START CHILDREN

The children attending Project Head Start will be given a party on Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. by the Torrance Junior Women's Club.

Santa Claus, played by Harold Lindborg will give each child toys, donated to the Juniors by the Torrance Rotary Anns and the Torrance High School PTA. Cookies and ice cream will be served after the entertainment by the club.

Mrs. Lee Davis is chairman and is being assisted by all the Juniors who have worked at the school during the past year.

YWCA Announces Annual Hanging of Greens

Mrs. William Burchfield, chairman of the program committee, and a member of the board of Directors of the Torrance YWCA, announced the traditional "Hanging of the Greens" on Friday evening, Dec. 16 at the Torrance YWCA for all the YWCA members and their families.

Representatives from the Y-Teen clubs will present Mrs. Kenneth McVey, president of the Torrance YWCA, with the wreath to hang, signaling the start of the Christmas activities.

The program will be presented by the children and teenage groups of the YWCA and will include the story "The Littlest Angel" presented by a Y-Teen club, dance numbers and Christmas Carols from the teenage guitar class.

Santa Claus is scheduled to make a call at the YWCA during the evening with gifts for all the children.

The evening will end with refreshments in the club rooms.

Moose Unit Hears Talk On Narcotics

Officer Robert Armstrong of the narcotics vice squad, Torrance Police Dept., was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Torrance Chapter, Women of the Moose.

Officer Armstrong spoke on "Narcotics and Its Effects on Society."

Mrs. Jake Reinhardt, library chairman, was in charge of the program. Assisting her were Mmes. Robert Brown, Thomas Walls, Edward Peacock, and Cecil Edwards.

Seven new members were enrolled into the Women of the Moose. A buffet supper was served following the meeting.

Mrs. Arthur Voss, social service chairman, was in charge of the program at the Nov. 7 meeting

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Chapter to Celebrate Anniversary

Beta Alpha Nu, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, will meet this evening at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. M. G. Duerre, 6925 Abbottswood, Palos Verdes Peninsula. Mrs. Arthur Alione is co-hostess.

Following a program "Nature," presented by Mrs. Duerre, members will celebrate the third anniversary of the chapter with a Christmas party and "secret sister" gift exchange. Each member will also bring one new toy to be given to the Harbor Area Retarded Children's Foundation.

Rounding out their social activities, members and their husbands will gather Saturday evening, Dec. 16, in the Gold Room of the Hacienda Hotel in San Pedro for a Christmas Dinner Dance. Mrs. Roy Keenan, social chairman, is in charge of arrangements.

Three new pledges in the chapter are Mmes. T. Baciu, Robert Darras and Edward Gorman.

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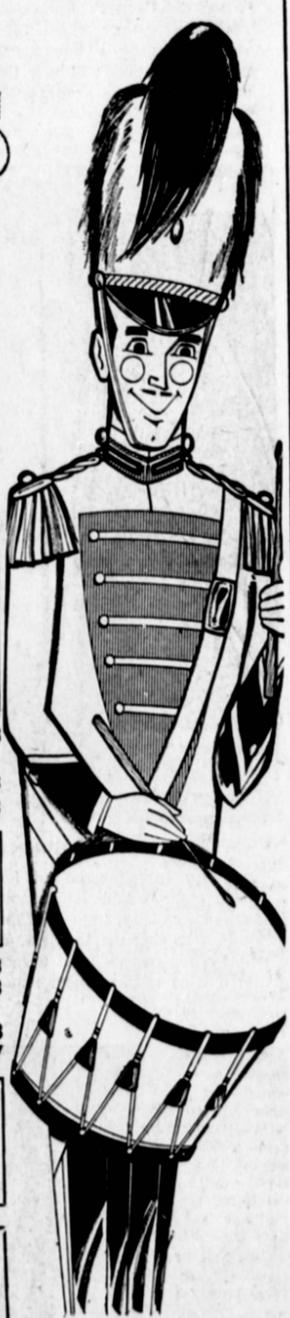
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